

REMARKS

Claims 29-67 have been canceled. New Claims 68-97 are active in the present application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The present invention relates to a process of treating permeable architectural materials by impregnation with material that provides a protective effect.

Claim Amendments

Claims 29 to 67 have been canceled in favor of new claims which are much the same as the previously active claims. In fact, Claim 68 is presented as a substitute for Claim 41 which differs from Claim 41 by the deletion of the term "metal" before the word "sulfide," and by improvement of the language of the last several lines of Claim 41. Note that support for the recitation of the term "sulfide" is found at page 5, line 1 of the text. The only other changes to the claims are new Claim 72 which more narrowly defines the limit of Claim 71, and is supported by page 5, lines 7-12 of the text and new Claims 90 and 91 which further limit Claim 89 and find support on page 11, lines 16-20 of the text.

- - Claim 66 has been amended as new Claim 96 only to improve upon the language of the claim, not to have introduced new limitations therein.

Finally, only a couple of amendments have been made to Claim 67 (new Claim 97) in a fashion that is consistent with the amendments to Claim 68. Entry of the amendments to the claims is respectfully requested.

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Claim Rejection, 35 USC 112

The issue raised under 35 USC 112 is believed obviated by the amending language of Claim 68 which simply recites, as disclosed on page 6, lines 1-17 of the text, that applied adhesion promoter spontaneously cures at ambient atmosphere. The amending language is consistent with the disclosure of spontaneous curing of the adhesion promoter(s) upon exposure to ambient conditions as described on page 6 of the text. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants enclose an appropriately signed Revocation and new appointment of power of attorney in this application.

It is now believed that the application is in proper condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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